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U.S. Patent Documents

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146. 5,007,232	4/16/91	Caudill

Other Documents

International "Written Opinion" for PCT Application No. PCT/US02/21501, mailed June 5, 2003.

Comments concerning the foregoing documents are set forth below.

U.S. Patent Documents

146. U.S. Patent No. 5,007,232 relates to a "method and apparatus for sterilizing containers using hydrogen peroxide vapor." (Abstract)

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